

daily, and follow me." "Whosoever, therefore, shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him also shall the Son of Man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

4. *Your present position is unjustifiable.* It may not be one of open hostility to Christ, but neither is it one of real friendship. You are trying—it may be all unconsciously—to occupy neutral ground. This you cannot do without guilt. In time of peace it is not necessary that a man should continually proclaim his devotion to his country; but in time of war, when his country is invaded, neutrality is *disloyalty*. Such is, substantially, your position. The Christian army is in the field, but you refuse to aid. You keep aloof from God's people, and turn your back upon the Lord's table as though you were a Turk or a Heathen. Can you justify this? "Curse ye Meroz!" Why?—what had they done? Had they taken up arms against Jehovah? No! Had they gone over to the enemy, and fought against the chosen people? No! What, then, had they done? *Nothing!* Their neutrality was their crime. "Because they came not up to the help of the Lord, to the help of the Lord against the mighty."

If you are now convinced that some change is necessary, let us proceed a step farther:—

## II. NO CHANGE WILL AVAIL THAT DOES NOT LEAD IN THE DIRECTION OF THE CHURCH OF GOD, AND OF VITAL RELIGION.

Do not misunderstand me: I do not use the term "Church of God" in a narrow or sectarian sense. I